"avoid" filing the claims in the multiple dependent form so as to avoid the additional filing fee.
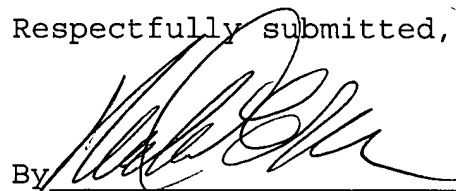
The claims were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicant respectfully reserves all rights he may have under the Doctrine of Equivalents. Applicant furthermore reserves his right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.

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APPENDIX

Amended claim 5

5.   (amended)   The arrangement as claimed in claim 3 ~~or 4~~, wherein
a test pattern counter (14; 28) is provided which counts a clock
signal and supplies the counting result to the bit flipping
controller (6; 27) and/or the masking logic circuit (13; 29).